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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 6, 2001 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued November 6, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 6, 2001 Office Action was due February 6, 2002. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from February 6, 2002 to May 6, 2002 for responding to the November 6, 2001 Office Action. The required fee for the three-month extension of time is \$920.00 for a large entity and a check including this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the November 6, 2001 Office Action is now due May 6, 2002 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims

Please amend claims 48, 83-85 and 90 as follows:

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